

Newsletter No. 321 – June 2021

The Atherton Aero Club is an organization of aviation enthusiasts who promote the sport of aircraft building and flying. The organization is associated with *Recreation Aviation Australia Inc.* The Club meets at Atherton Airport every third Sunday of the month. Food and drinks are available and visitors are most welcome.

Innisfail/Mundoo Aerodrome YIFL

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EDITOR'S NOTE - by Bill Gronbeck

Hi All and welcome to edition No 321. In this issue, members activities, links to safety articles and so many great photos that we couldn't fit them all in!. Keep those flying adventures going while the weather holds and remember to send us your photos and stories. Enjoy the read.



A thank you to John Martin, Kevin Priestly, Jon Collins, Dave Graham, Brendan Kent, the NQAC and others who contributed to this edition. Please contact me with your newsletter contributions on any of the following: (07) 4036 2868 or 0408 073 142 or by email at -

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Watch the AAC, NQAC, Burdekin Flyers, FNQ Flyers, Donnington and Innisfail Facebook Pages for details of calendar changes and other short notice events. Check out the AAC Website for the YATN weather-cam and older AAC Newsletters.



The next **AAC Club Meeting** will be a Safety Presentation **Low Flying Hazards** by **Neil Bates** followed by our regular monthly get together and BBQ Lunch.

Sunday the 18th of July starting around **10:30am**.

Venue the **AAC Atherton Aerodrome** storage facility.

Visitors are most welcome.



SAVE THE DATE. The Atherton Aero Clubs 2021 Christmas Party will be held at Tinaroo Lake Resort on **Saturday the 4th December**. An early search for a venue was necessary in order to claim a suitable date as the good ones tend to be booked out early. The club has used this excellent venue before and the feedback from those who attended was quite positive. An added attraction for those attending is the availability of overnight accommodation if required. A sample menu is shown below. Please contact Jack Cross if you require further information. An indication of your intention to attend would be appreciated.



Christmas Party Menu 2021

\$60 per person

ENTREE (served banquet style - on platters to each table)

BAKED FILLET OF CORAL TROUT with white wine and lemon parsley sauce

MAINS (served banquet style - on platters to each table)

SLOWROASTED FORK LOIN with cranberry and walnut sauce

Side: Roast Vegetable medley with garlic and parmesan.

BAKED FILLET OF CHICKEN with apricot and cashew compote

Side: Colourful Tossed Salad with fetta and olives and balsamic dressing

DESSERTS (individually plated and serve alternate drop)

SPICED FIG AND APPLE PUDDING with fig and apple salsa sauce and vanilla cream

- CHOCOLATE AND HAZELNUT GATEAU with chocolate rum sauce and raspberry couli

TEA & COFFEE

All tables decorated in Christmas Theme & with Christmas Crackers.



Burke and Wills Roadhouse Trip - 1

On Saturday 12th June Martin Boyle, his passenger Bernie Twomey, and I loaded up our Jabirus and headed off on an impromptu weekend trip across the Cape.

We avoided the old usual haunts of Karumba etc and decided to try somewhere different. Our initial aiming point was to be Cloncurry so we could get fuel and from there we'd just wing it. Looking at the maps we decided that as we had never been to the Burke and Wills Road House we'd give that a try.

We awoke in Atherton to dense low fog but got out an hour and a half later under about 1000 foot ceiling tracking for Mareeba. Once we got past Walkamin the cloud lifted and we tracked out via the windfarm, Dimbulah and Petford.

Once we got west the weather cleared and was then just bands of cloud and once we got above that it was smooth, clear blue and pretty cold. Outside air temp of 12 degrees meant chilly feet inside. Just before Cloncurry we passed over the Ernest Henry mine.



First stop - Cloncurry in complete blue CAVOK. There is a BP swipe bowser (BP Carnet card only). If you don't have a BP card you have to get the refueller out and there's a charge so it's worthwhile having a BP card. We had been told that the landing fees were exorbitant there and were advised to go to Mt Isa instead. They are a bit hefty. (\$27.50 for the Jabiru).

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Burke and Wills Roadhouse Trip - 2

However to extend to Mt Isa and add the extra distance back to Burke and Wills Roadhouse which we calculated is about \$30 worth of fuel plus the landing fees of \$7.70 at Mt Isa it was still better to go to Cloncurry.



From Cloncurry it's a short 87 nm hop north to the Burke and Wills RoadHouse.

The strip is a long gravel strip, very smooth with ample parking areas. The strip is good and there's currently a Cessna Caravan doing geological survey work to be based there.

There's no fuel available (unless you can burn non-premium Mogas). It's a short walk of maybe 100m from the threshold to the reception and restaurant. The staff, mostly backpackers, were friendly and the food good and reasonable prices. The accommodation was typical, outback style dongas. There are ensuite rooms but we got the bare single rooms with shared toilet block facilities. All clean and very acceptable. The place was packed with caravaners and grey nomads but still plenty of rooms available.

The forecasted cold night didn't really materialise. It was chilly but not freezing. Apparently the night before it got down to 5 degrees!

After a comfortable nights sleep we decided to head home fairly early because the weather back in Atherton was again a bit dodgy so we wanted to give ourselves plenty of time to deal with delays if we needed.

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Burke and Wills Roadhouse Trip - 3



Not long after taking off from B & W Roadhouse we passed under high stratocumulus that gradually thickened and lowered to about 5000 ft, though left us plenty of room to fly back smoothly at 3500 ft.

Because of the cover we tracked for Petford and dropped into the valley and came back via Dimbulah. We dodged some light showers and coming around the wind farm we got an unimpeded track back into Atherton.

In all we did about 7 and a half hours flying for the weekend, with no problems and had a really great time. Burke and Wills Roadhouse is definitely a place worth considering for a short trip over a weekend.

John Martin



Seaplane to Pinnarendi with John and Kevin

This mornings flight (12th June) was in a Lake Buccaneer seaplane with recently arrived, now local, John Daley to Pinnarendi. After cappuccino and toasties, we headed back.

A few dark clouds over the higher ranges. We stayed well clear and returned without any issues.

John dropped me off at Mareeba and returned to his base at Atherton. Next time will be a splash and go.

The following link shows a Buccaneer in action on the water.

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John and Kevin



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BUILDERS CORNER - Extracts from Jon Collins' Skybolt Blog

June 27th - Another update on the Skybolt project. Finished the mounting of the wheel pants, installed the rear seatbelt harness, trimmed the fuselage stringers and fabricated a trim tab for the rudder. Also built a "rotisserie" to rotate the fuselage for covering and painting. Screwed all the stringers onto the fuselage. Installed nutplates into the tailplane for a gap-seal between tailplane and fuselage. Preparations are now underway for the first bit of covering! So looking forward to this part!



Michael doing some welding for me



Fabricated a seat belt fitting for attachment to rear fuselage



Fibreglassing some rudder cable fairings. Getting the hang of the fiberglass stuff!!



Firewall brackets now welded



New storage area behind rear seat



Rear turtle deck aluminium riveted into place. Scary job!!

BUILDERS CORNER - More photos from Jon's Skybolt Blog



Wheel pants now complete



Screw attaching of the fuselage stringers - about 120 tiny nuts & bolts!!



Tailplanes ready To cover



Tailwheel completed. Will be removed during the covering & painting process

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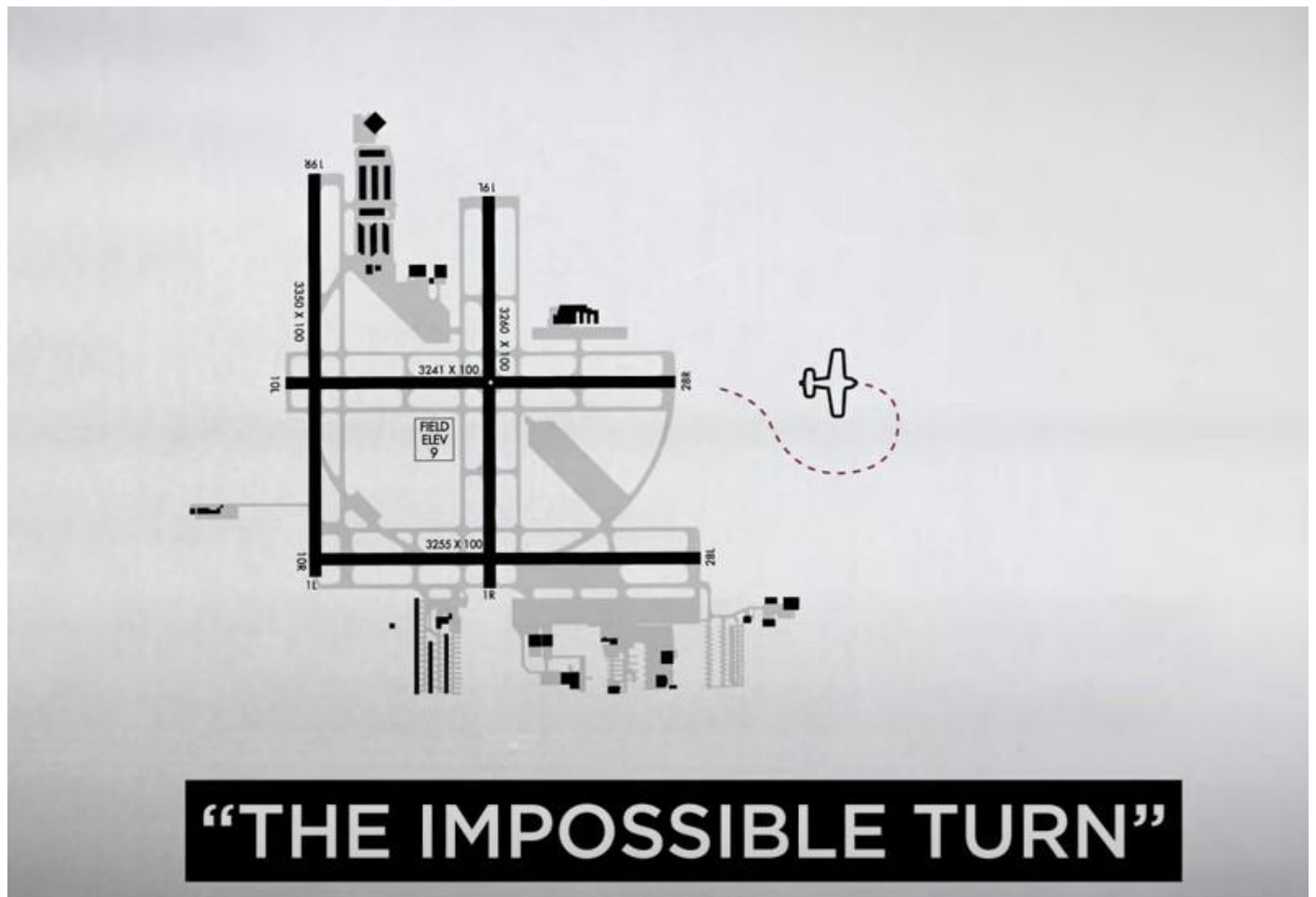
Android users



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Reality Check: The Runway Behind You

Air Safety Institute June 4, 2021



Is the “impossible turn” in a single-engine airplane after all possible? Ask a group of pilots and you’ll stoke a passionate debate among opponents and proponents of what is known as the “180-degree turnback” to the departure runway after engine failure on takeoff. The AOPA Air Safety Institute decided to test the disputed turnback theories, using a Piper PA-18 Super Cub, a Van’s RV-4, a Cessna 172N, and a Beechcraft Bonanza A36. Our study was conducted by highly experienced and proficient pilots flying predetermined profiles in near-perfect conditions. But the different results of turning back to the runway were surprising for each of us flying these profiles. You’ll see why in this Reality Check video.

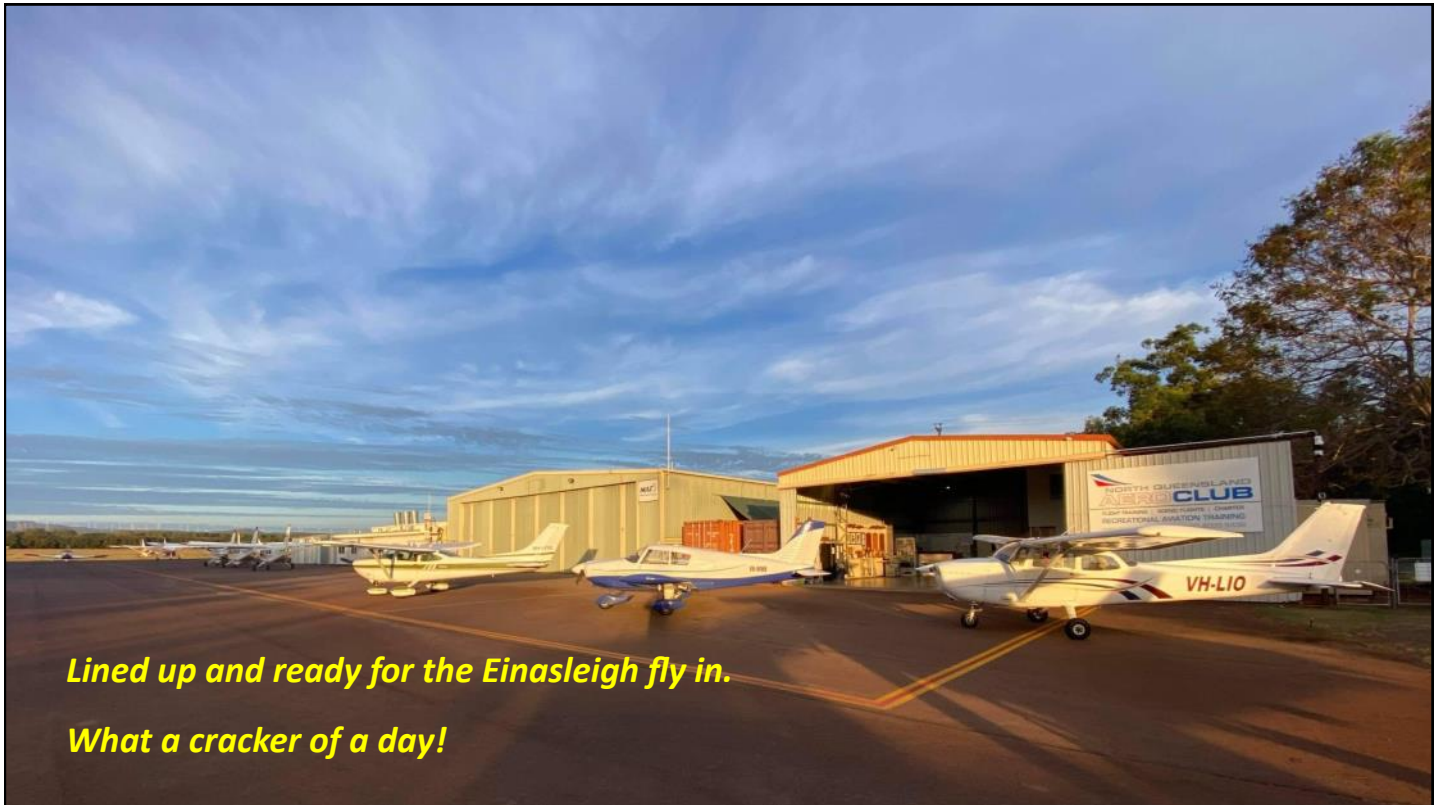
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***Making the most
of it at Einasleigh.
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***A lovely day had by all at Einasleigh today.
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JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER

Storage & Restoration Area

The storage area is coming along nicely from its humble beginning as a flat block of red soil.

LM Engineering have installed the roof sheeting in the last week so we will now have some shade for our smokos! Thank you to LM Engineering for the use of the scissor lift to assist with the pressure cleaning of the C-47 you can see in the background!



We recently learned we were successful with the Queensland Government's Gambling Community Benefit Fund round 108. These funds will be used for building and infrastructure works. We've still got some way to go but its great to have this welcome financial support.

Big thanks to Cynthia Liu's office for delivering the great news.

C-47 Restoration progress

Our Dakota C-47 A65-73 restoration continues to progress. Here's some photos from over the weekends with the engineering students and some before/after shots of the tail-wheel repairs. Thanks to Aerosmith Welding for the tail-wheel repairs and Tableland Aircraft Maintenance for the fresh coat of paint.

This project is sponsored by the Copland Foundation.



FNQAM JUNE 2021 NEWSLETTER continued

Saturday mornings we have been hosting Aviation Australia Engineering students undertaking their Certificate II & IV courses in Aeroskills.

The students have been assisting create an inventory of parts, works required, general restoration and cleaning work for the C-47 restoration project.

Aviation Australia's next Engineering courses start next month - July.



This week in History

This week back in 1942 saw the opening of the Mareeba Airport and the arrival of 100 Squadron RAAF Beaufort aircraft.

From the daily operations records 100 SQN aircraft are listed as departing on their missions, sadly not all of them returning.

Coming up

- *Opening of Storage and restoration area*
- *We're expecting to have a few small display, RAAF 100th anniversary & historical items arriving in the next few weeks so stay tuned as we are able to provide more info on those.*

Volunteers

As always we can never use enough hands or services so if you would like to get in involved please get in touch!

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Out And About In The Far North



Coffee at Pinnarendi with John and Kevin



Pinnarendi Station Stay & Café

<https://www.facebook.com/Pinnarendi/>

Ron Atkinson 0419 201 622



AAC EVENTS CALENDAR

**EVENTS MAY BE SUBJECT TO SHORT NOTICE CANCELLATION
OR POSTPONEMENT DUE COVID19 RESTRICTIONS**

Check Your Club Website or Facebook Page For changes

Atherton Aero Club—2021 EVENTS

July Sun 20th AAC Safety Presentation “Low Flying Hazards” followed by our regular Monthly get together & BBQ Lunch 1030 Atherton

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

July Fri 9th to Sun 11th NQAC Trip to the Tip! Pundsand Bay QLD
Aug Fri 6th & Sat 7th Forsayth Turnaround & Etheridge Show (See Poster)
Aug Sat 14th & Sun 15th NQAC Overnight get-away Karumba QLD
Sep Fri 3rd & Sat 4th Ingham Wings & Wheels Airshow (See Poster)
Sep Sun 19th NQAC Annual Air Race Competition



The **Forsayth Turnout and Etheridge Show** will be held at Forsayth on 6 and 7 August. The committee thought that some of your members may be interested in a "fly in" to the event.

There is some accommodation still available at the Goldfields Hotel (although best to book quickly as rooms are selling fast). Alternatively there is free camping with hot showers on site at the grounds.

There is a fully sealed airstrip at Forsayth and AvGas will be available as well as transfers from the strip to town (please advise of requirements).

Entry to the event is free. All meals are available and a licenced bar will operate throughout the event. There is a monster auction on Saturday night followed by live music and dancing and a recovery at the Goldfields Hotel on Sunday. It promises to be a great weekend of entertainment so we hope to see some of your members there. Further details and contacts are included on the attached flyer.

FORSAYTH TURNOUT & ETHERIDGE SHOW

August 6 & 7
at the Forsayth
Show Grounds

FRIDAY NQRA Affiliated RODEO (1pm start)



Open Bulls (18yrs & over)	\$ 1500	Stock Contractor
Juvenile Bulls (13-17yrs)	\$ 800	Bethel Bucking Bulls
Calf Ride (12yrs & under)	\$ 400	Yabbie Races
Poddy Ride	\$ 200	Friday Night

SATURDAY - Etheridge Show

FREE Admission, FREE Exhibit Entries, Licensed Bar, Great Food, Professional Exhibits, Camping Facilities on Grounds, Motorbike Raffle, School Projects Display & Cent Sale Raffle.

Novelty Events Greasy Pig Chase, Dog Jumping Contest, Kids Foot Race, Lolly Drop for the Kids, Dingo Derby (Big Dog & Little Dog Race), Ironman Comp, Balloon Throwing, Mens & Ladies Foot Races, 3-Legged Race, Kick a Goal, Bungee Pull, Billy Boiling Comp, Stock Relay Challenge & Tug O War.

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SUNDAY Recovery & Entertainment at Goldfield's Hotel

Nominations to: Secretary - Veronica Loudon 0428 716 022
or Treasurer - Jennifer Pugh 0448 164 684
Enquires to: President - Simon Terry 0400 898 409

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Burdekin Flyers (YAYR)

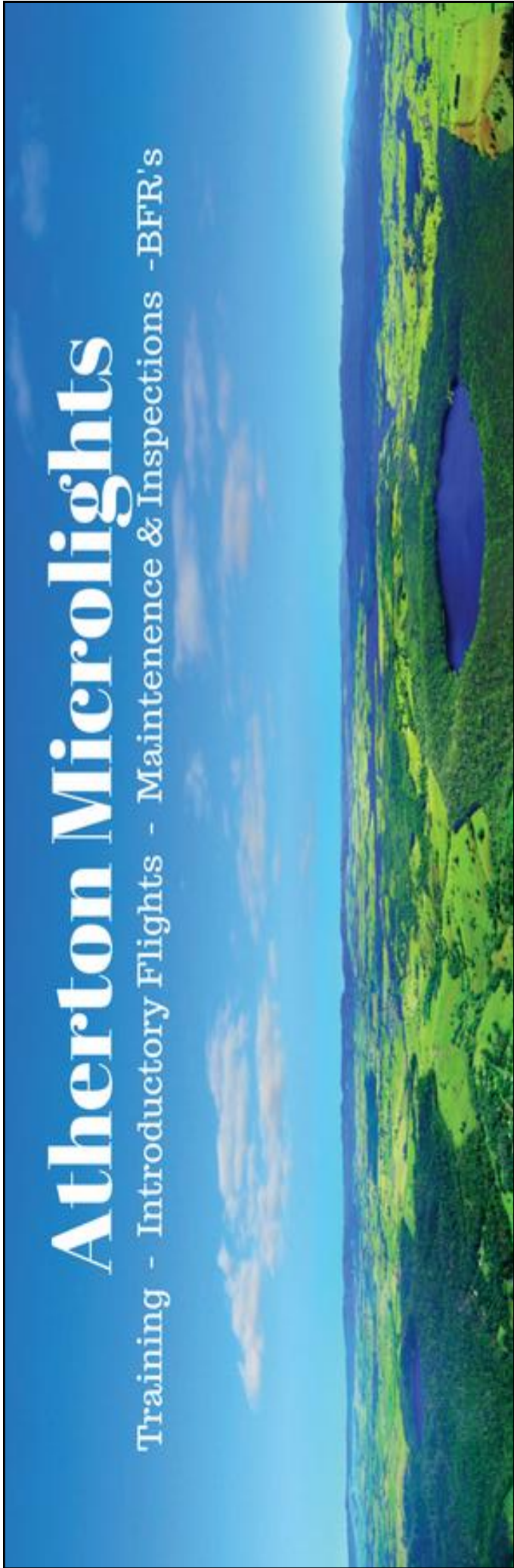


Atherton Aero Club (YATN)



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Atherton YATN
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Length 1166 mtrs Width 30 mtrs

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NOTICE



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Those seeking the issue or renewal of an Aviation Security Identification Card (ASIC) should apply directly to **Aviation ID Australia** via the following link:

<https://aviationidaustralia.net.au/application.html>

Once the ASIC card has been approved the applicant will be advised and the required “face-to-face” identity check carried out locally by an Atherton Aero Club representative. On the satisfactory completion of the identity check the local agent will hand over the ASIC card to the applicant.

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Further information on the SAAA's National and FNQ Chapter 34 websites:

<http://www.saaa.com/>

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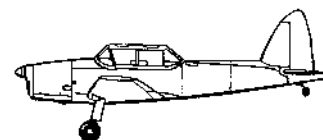
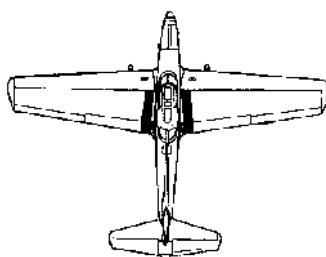
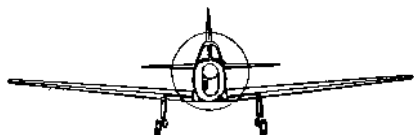
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PAYMENT

Forms to be sent to: <i>The Treasurer</i> <i>Stephen Klaproth</i> <i>PO Box 227</i> <i>ATHERTON QLD 4883</i>	or email to: <i>sjklaproth@gmail.com</i>
Payments can be made by: <i>EFT, Cheque, cash, or at the Bendigo Bank</i>	
EFT Details: <i>Atherton Aero Club BSB 633000 ACC 114331796 (Ref - Your Name)</i>	

I hereby apply for membership to the Atherton Aero Club and agree to abide by the Constitution and any rules and regulations thereof. I further agree that my contact details may be made available to other members of the association as the Management Committee deems necessary.

Signed _____ Dated _____

Print name: _____ Print name: _____

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THE LAST PAGE

Douglas Adams, the noted author of “The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy,” was a prolific writer whose creative work encompassed essays, books, screenplays and television. I can’t say I’m a devoted fan, but I think I read Hitchhiker some years ago.

After his death in 2001, an unfinished novel called the “Salmon of Doubt” was published by his estate. I saw a quote from it recently in an essay attempting to explain our sometimes knee-jerk response to the remorseless march of progress.

“I’ve come up with a set of rules that describe our reactions to technologies,” Adams wrote.

“1. Anything that is in the world when you’re born is normal and ordinary and is just a natural part of the way the world works.

2. Anything that’s invented between when you’re fifteen and thirty-five is new and exciting and revolutionary and you can probably get a career in it.

3. Anything invented after you’re thirty-five is against the natural order of things.”

